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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : [] Photography

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1. General Cabell asked me down this morning to inquire about the availability of [] photography, his attention having been called to that subject by virtue of a report in an OCI publication. I reported to him the following, which may also interest you: [] photography is prepared on TAIWAN with USAF equipment, a preliminary report being issued within about ten hours. Such reports reach the theatre commands and AFCIN which distribute it to the community including CIA. Selected frames are sent to AFCIN prior to the dispatch of the original negative to URPIC-Y where field needs are met before transmitting the original negative to Washington. This accounts for the delay from about 20 to 34 days in the film reaching Washington.

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2. General Cabell was curious as to why if the [] could cover the Offshore Islands they couldn't go a bit further and pick up SANTU BAY, thus relieving pressure on us for CHICOM coast coverage.

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3. I have made inquiry of the Navy and Air Force as to the SANTU BAY question. However, I explained to General Cabell that Admiral Smoot had for quite some time requested the [] not to engage in recce for fear of some incident which would enflame already dangerous conditions. Of greatest importance was the fact that the range of interest of the Services, particularly the Army and Navy, extended in areas not reachable by the CHINATs, areas of interest in terms of amphibious build-up for possible attack on the Offshore Islands.

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4. In connection with my discussions with the Air Force, I learned that a 240 inch capability will exist in the Far East on 1 October.

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5. At the ARC meeting this week, I plan to explore thoroughly all intelligence collection capabilities that could be used in the CHICOM area and will report whatever I learn.

6. General Cabell then asked me to call to your attention the possible use of [] pilots for CHALICE operations. He indicated that this had been discussed earlier with a negative conclusion. He was not urging that [] pilots be used but rather that the matter should be reconsidered.

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